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In this issue: The protest march by Radio Dublin's supporters (staff report)..... The first test transmission and offical broadcast from Premier Radio.... The return of Radio Laxy (the MYSTERY station!!) .... Capitol Radio is back again testing ..... Radio Caroline's new all-day English service on 192.... Details of other good Free Radio magazines......Plus.....The complete list of Free Radio Campaign - Ireland's promotional material.....L.A. & Good reading!!!!

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HELLOW PRES RADIO FANS!

FIRST OF ALL, MANY THANKS

FOR ALL THE LETTERS OF SUPPORT MOU HAVE SENT TO

OUR OFFICE SINCE EDITION NUMBER ONE. IT HAS REALLY MADE IT ALL WORTH WHILE: THE HIGHLIGHT OF THIS

EDITION IS THE STAFF REPORT OF RADIO DUBLINS PROTEST MARCH. ALSO FEATURED IN THIS EDITION IS THE NEW

ALL—DAY ENGLISH SERVICE FROM RADIO CAROLINE ON 192. THERE IS NEWS OF CAPITOL RADIO, THE START OF

PREMIER RADIO AND A SPECIAL FEATURE ON DUBLIN'S ONLY 'OLD TIME' MUSIC PREE RADIO STATION: KEEP THOSE

LETTERS ROLLING IN - DON'T FORGET TO ENCLOSE AN I.R.C. FOR REPLY, REMEMBER, L.A. IS THE ONLY WAY!!!!

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Assembly time was 1.00pm opposite the G.P.O. building in O'Connell Street. To give latecommers a chance the march did not start until 1.25pm. Music was supplied by 2 Marshall speaker enclosures mounted on the roof of Captain Cook's Jaguar and blasting out 100 watts of sound at just below distortion level. At 1.30pm the march was well under way with some 200 supporters carrying banners stating: 'LEGALISE RADIO DUBLIN', 'RADIO DUBLIN - PLEASE LEGALISE US!', 'ME WANT RADIO DUBLIN LEGALISED' and 'RADIO DUBLIN RULES, O.K.?'.

The march went from O'Connell St. through D'olier St., College St., Nasseau St., Dawson St., Molesworth St. and then into Kildare Street. Dr. Don then handed an application for a licence to a Leinster House Garda (an Irish Policeman) who took it and vanished inside! A loud cheer rose from the crowd! Then Prince Terry announced over the speaker system: "The march will go on to Saint Stephens Green". 2.15pm - everyone had arrived at the Green and Dr. Don announced: "Thank you all for coming and showing your support. We'll see you tomorrow on 253 metres. The march is now officially over - THANK YOU!"

The march was indeed very orderly with only a few Gardaí about. But what has the march achieved ? One thing it has done is brought the Radio Dublin cause for legalisation before the Government. It has also shown that they are not just fooling around - but are serious about wanting an ALL DAY MUSIC STATION in Dublin. Will the Government listed to their plea? ? ?.

RADIO CAROLINE ON 192 METRES...(L.A. RIGHT THROUGH THE DAY!).....

Since our last edition Radio Caroline has opened up a daytime service on 192 metres. The transmission (all in English) begins at 07.00hrs C.E.T. and goes right through until 19.00hrs. Up to mid-May test transmission music could be heard (Album tracks, L.A. jingles etc.). But now the broadcast is more established. This separate transmission joins up for the usual programmes at 19.00hrs. Although lately 192 seems to switch off around 20.00hrs.

Reports we have coming over from England is that the new transmitter is about 10K.w.

Now a word about reception here in Ireland of 192. During test transmissions after 20.30hrs the frequency was subject to a very strong hetrodyne (one wavelength superimposed on another - resulting in a tone) coming from a German station. On Tuesday 25th May this hetrodyne problem was fixed and reception improved immensely. But as we mentioned earlier on, 192 is switched off - so at about 19.00hrs return again to 259 metres for more 1.A. vibes and good music right through the night!!!

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PANTSTIC TAPE SERVICE: Our friends at F.R.C Denmark make a monthly cassette show (on C-60 only) and the July edition is now ready. Jingles, Free Radio news and lots of music - all <u>F.R.C. Ireland</u> members may use this <u>FREE</u> service any-time. Just send a C-60 cassette plus 3 I.R.C.s to cover postage to: F.R.C. Denmark, Room 32, Hillerodgade 64, DK 2200, Copenhagen N., Denmark.

CAPITOL RADIO (THE STATION WITH THE HAPPY DIFFERENCE!) RETURNS ON 220 METRES .....

Yes indeed! Sunday 16th May 1976 was a day for much jubilation by Free Radio fans all over Bublin. On that day at 12.31pm - seconds after Premier Radio began transmissions - a carrier was heard on 220 metres. After a few minutes we could hear the familiar voice of Ed Mac Dowell making the opening announcement: "Testing, testing on 220 metres in the medium wave band, broadcasting to Bublin City, this is the return of Capitol Radio...a Free local independent radio station. Broadcasting up to near Christmas 1975....but then we had to make a sad departure....Capitol Radio 3.3 is back again testing our equipment for the countdown - next week".



WRITE TO CAROLINE - TELL THEM YOU ARE LISTENING ON 259 AND 192. THEIR ADDRESS IS:

Radio Caroline (or Mi Amigo), Rado, Plya de Aro, Province of Gerona, Spain.

"OFFSHORE ECHOS' - Written in French but with an 'International' section in English: For details write enclosing an I.R.C. to: F.R.C. France, 37 rue Georges Carel, F-76450 Cany, France.

This is indeed a very mysterious station. The first broadcast we have recorded of it in our logbook is Sunday 18th April 1971 on 217 metres. The transmission went from 1.00-1.30pm. We state this with great accuracy because we had to consult a 1971 diary! The next note we have is Sunday 1st October '7 (pause), 9th November 1975 (another pause), then Radio Laxy made a re-appearance on Saturday 16th May 1976 at 1.00pm and has been coming on regularly, so-far.

Now I said earlier on that R. Laxy is a mysterious station. In what way, one might ask?? Well it's this. The rumours that have been circulating regarding the origin of this station are very strange. Some say that the station was on air as early as 1940 - which would make it the first "pirate" ever to broadcast here in Ireland. Still on the air now? That's a record!

The choice of music of the presentef (who, by the way, does not use or give any name) is mainly 'Old Time' music. For instance, during a broadcast in mid-May of this year he played a 'Pre-electric' record-the first in Ireland.....dating back to 1910! But the thing that mystifies us most of all is the numerous requests he plays during a broadcast, and not even one 'phone number or mailing addressed out!

First heard in the Dublin area, on Sunday 9th May '76 on 212 metres from 3.15-4.30pm - with a weak signal and no I.D. The following Sun (16th) at 12.30pm the first official broadcast from Premier Radio began. This time on 218m. It was not a success however because of a strong hetredyne caused by Capitol Radio on nearby 220 metres - who were also testing. Premier Radio came on the air again on Sunday 23rd May for a very short programme from 4.30-5.00pm, this time moved to 222 metres!!

Nothing more has been heard of this station. It's believed they had a bit of hassle with the P.O. Since then they've changed their first mailing address (from which we've had <u>no</u> reply) to that of Radio Dublin - 90 Ranelagh, Dublin 6, Ireland (just down the road from here!!). More news in the October Edition of 'NEWSLETTER'.

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

Are any of your friends Free Radio Campaigners, too? Don't keep a good thing to yourself - tell them about <u>FREE RADIO CAMPAIGN - IRELAND</u> and get them to join too. Remember, the more members and subscriptions we receive, the <u>bigger</u> your F.R.C.I. 'NEWSLETTER' can become!! A single copy costs 20p - plus an I.R.C. - or a years subscription (4 issues) is just £1.

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  Details: The last show before Post Office raid. Includes at beginning Capitol's "Christmas Promo". Good quality records and jingles. Broadcast: Dec. 21st 1975, at 12 noon on 220m M.W. Sound quality: A. (STUDIO TAPE) Time 40 mins. Price £1.75. (X).
- (2). Capitol's Last Transmission after raid, 28th December 1975. Details: Capitol Radio was raided on Sunday 21st, but they were on again the following Sunday. This tape explains what happened, as told by the D.J's. Sound quality: C. Time 30 mins. Price £1.20. (X).
- (3). Radio Dublin Announcing Raid by Post Office on Capitol.

  Details: Extracts from the Dr. Don Show in which he explains what happened to Capitol and plays taped extracts from Capitol's last transmission.

  Broadcast: December 28th 1975, at 1.30pm on 253m M.W.

  Sound quality: B. Time 30 mins. Price £1.75. (X).
- (4). Capitol Radio Jingles!!!

  Details: Hitpicks, Station I.D's, Album Reviews, Listen-to-the-music, Capitol No 1, Hitmaker, Solid Gold, The Music Machine, Capitol Flashback....and many more. All used by the D.J'S of Capitol Radio on 220m M.W. Bonus extra of "Capitol Programme Promotions".

  Sound quality: A. (STUDIO TAPE) Time 30 mins (approx.) Price £2.00. (X).
- (5). The Dr. Don Show on Radio Dublin. Details: Chat (lots), music, and jingles from Dublin's only surviving Free Radio Station. Broadcast: February 22nd 1976 at 1.30pm on 253m N.W. Sound quality: B. Time 30 mins (approx) Price £1.10. (X).
- (6). 'Old Time' Music from Radio Laxy.

  Details: Dublin's only 'Old Time' music Free Radio Station (Mystery Presenter!).

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  Sound quality: C. Time 45 mins. Price £1:20. (X).

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